COLLAPSE OF DAMASCUS STEEL

Startling Story of S. R. Dawson Who Invented His Way Out of Jail.

POOR MECHANIC.

Vicissitudes of a Daughter Who Would Not Get Married and a Rediscovery That Failed to Deceive.

New York, July 23 -- As an eche to the erash of the Des Moines, Ia., \$2,000.000 ascus Steel Company, which has just met its Waterloo, comes the story of the lost art of making steel, its pretended discovery by S. R. Dawson, his attrac-tion for men of wealth who staked their fortunes upon it and its use as a key to egen the Penitentiary door for a con-wloted murderet, When the stockholders of the collapsed

npany assembled in East Orange, N. J., to make arrangements for disposition of the sadly depleted stock there must have fitted before their minds contending opinions as to whether Dawson worked in good faith or made a bold attempt, and, when he found he had gained the dence of his fellow-men, used his supposed secret as a means of gaining confined for the murder of his son-inlaw of only two hours.

The career of S. R. Dawson, eccentric,

He was not a man who bore the confidence of any great number of people and moved along in his humble way, making a living for himsef and wife and beautiful daughter as best he could. He first attracted some attention locally by announcing he had discovered a process for hardening steel, and later he startled the community by claiming he could make the best steel from common scrap from.

He exhibited tools he claimed to have made after his formula, which had very good merit. His secret was most zealously, guarded.

He succeeded in interesting several persons and forming a small company. A little factory was established on the river bank, and here the experiment was being furthered when a crisis came in his life.

Minnie Dawson, a handsome girl just out of her teens, had fallen in love with a youth named Walter Scott. The match was opposed by her parents, but the two managed to see each other.

Dawson tried first to induce the girl to break with Scott, explaining that soon his secret would bring him wealth and she would be lifted to a higher social level from which she should seek marriage.

This did not avail, and the father hit upon a p'an which was destined to separate the two for a period until Scott should tire of waiting.

Dawson managed to have his daughter dealared insane and sent to the State Hospital. Determined not to be thus thwarted, Scott undertook the liberation of his sweetheart. After spending nearly a thousand dollars he secured her freedom through habeas corpus proceedings.

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then sent her to a school in Ohio. The siri, however, managed to communicate with Scott, and an elopement was planned. It was arranged that she should leave the school and go to Ottumwa, Ia.

Scott was to meet her there and be married. But the wary father had detectives tracking Scott, and when the plot was discovered she was captured and taken to her home. On Christmas Eve, 1835, Minnle Dawson, under pretense of going to the store, escaped for a moment from her father's custody and ran to meet Scott, who conducted a small store a block away "Walter," she cried, 'I fear my father will kill you and me both. He says I must renounce you, and I cannot."

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The company was incorporated in New Jersey with a capital stock of \$2,000,000. Operations became very active, much of the stock was sold, and for a year the company prospered. A milling plant at New Brighton, Pa., was purchased and things were soon set in motion. Several New Brighton folks purchased stock, and while the tests preliminary to the wholesale manufacture of the crucible steel were being made the promoters and stockholders were sanguine over the success of the enterprise.

Then came the obstacle. At first it was thought that it was only a little thing that prevented the making of the steel uniform, and that another process might do away with it. Undaunted, Mr. Dawson kept at his work. This was his first experience in making steel to sell in large quantities. With confidence he attacked the new problem. He delved into the problem, always coming out at the same place being stopped by the cold fact that the steel could not be made uniform. Week after week, month after month passed, and down in New Brighton Dawson fought against the Impossible

THE BUBBLE BURST.

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Wrapping a cloak about the girl, he beckoned a back and was driven immediately to the office of a Justice of the Peace, where they were married.

She had brought no clothes with her other than what she were and urged him to go for her trunk, which was at her home. The Dawsons lived in an upstairs flat.

The bridgeroom went to the police station and secured an officer to get the girl's trunk, that trouble might be averted. Scott accompanied him to the foot of the stairs and, saying, "It is the third door to the left." saw the man in blue disappear up the hallway.

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Presently the policeman called, "I cannot find the door; come and show mewhere it is." Scott went to the head of the stairs and pointed to the door. The policeman entered and Scott walted. It was several minutes before the policeman reappeared and announced that Dawson would not give up the trunk.

"There is another way to get it, then," replied Scott, who turned to go down the stairs. As he did so a hand bearing a revolver shot past the policeman and was discharged. The bullet lodged back of Scott's left ear and he pitched headlong down the stairs, dead.

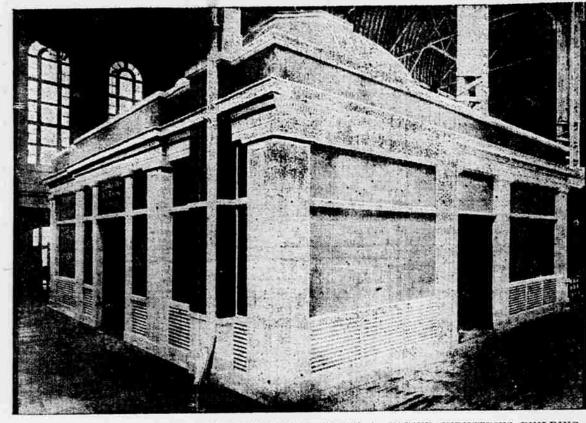
It was charged at the trial that the policeman rushed out of the building for help, and that when he did so Dawson went to the prostrate form of his son-in-law and stood above the body and fired directly into his heart.

Dawson was then a man with long hair and a flowing beard. Thus he appeared in the Criminal Court before Judge Holmes and was tried. James Howe, who is now a member of the Polk County bench, was Prosecuting Attorney, and S. F. Prouty appeared for the defense. When the case was submitted to the jury eleven men were in favor of hanging and one was for acquittal. They compromised on murder in the second degree.

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LECTURES BY NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY INTERESTING TO FAIR VISITORS

Workings of the Great Manufact uring Concern Are Explained by Employes in Little Theater Fitted Up in the Varied Industrie's Building-Elaborate Displays to Be Seen in Other Palaces at the World's Fair.



THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY'S BOOTH, BLOCK A, VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING, Where lectures are given daily from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. on welfare work as applied to the home and factory.

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Judge and most of the witnesses in the case have since died.
Dawson served five years. After his incarceration some of the stockholders in the company believed that because they had invested money in his plant they were entitled to have possession of the formula during his imprisonment, and make what progress they could.

This formula, however, was locked up in a safety deposit vault of the Security Savings Bank and Dawson held the key, which he tenaciously refused to surrender. Accordingly, an action was commenced in the District Court for the purpose of compelling him to surrender it. This came on for hearing before Judge Prouty. After a long legal hattle the court held there was no law that could compel Dawson to surrender his personal property.

GAINED HIM HIS PARDON.

Then it was that the moneyed forces

bent their efforts toward getting a par-

don. Two years ago Governor Shaw yielded to the persistent demands from every quarter and granted the pardon. He at once interested some Des Moines business men in rejuvenating the company. Dean A. M. Haggard of Drake University. C. F. McCarty, formerly a State official; C. C. Taft, a wholesale grocer; J. B. Burton of the University Place Bank, and others, became interested and proceeded to boom the organization.

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business over to other hands and went

SAYS IT IS CONSPIRACY. FIGHT ON "TEACHERS' TRUST."

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 21.-In an REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

to New Brighton to take up the active

Butler Declares Political Reasons

Prompt His Indictment.

interview to-day, Colonel Edward Butler

of St. Louis had the following to say

STORY OF STRUGGLE.

story of the struggle is thus depicted;

School Directors in Saline Coun-

ty, Illinois, Organize.

Harrisburg, Ill., July 23.-Differences be

tween the school teachers and the directors of the various districts in Saline

GEMS OF MANY WELL KNOWN WOMEN.

'Pigeon's Blood" Enormously Valuable-The Demand for

united. Finally despair got the best of the fight and all interested threw up their bunds. A committee of directors visited the plant, and it, will now be sold. The attempt to manufacture crucible steel has been abandoned.

Hundreds of people in Des Moines, who knew Dawson think to-day and have always thought his claims were without merit, that he was a smooth talker and a brilliant dreamer. Once, in prison, his refusal to help the world until it helped him from his difficulty proved to many that he wished the secret only to save hes life. Once free, some have even expressed the belief that he knowing his own weakness, was willing to take a chance at success and involve the millions of others, in order to carry out the dream of his long, weary hours of experiment.

STORY OF STRUGGLE. Almost every woman has her favorite

jewel, and by no means are all the gems In the call for the meeting, which has just been issued to the stockholders, the It is said that Queen Victoria's favorite jewel was a pendant of white enameled swans, and she never at any time ap-

She was also very fond of rubles, and ossessed many of the Burmah stones, whose color is the pure red known as Some idea of the value of rubles can be

formed when it is known that a Burmah ruby of four carats has brought more than

nounce that we are compelled to close down our steel plant and to take steep to dispose of it at the earliest opportunity in order to save as much as possible for the stockholders. For two years we have been testing the process in every way, and at times would think we could produce the best steet in the world and make if all aillie, but we have now found that it cannot be made uniform-herein is our Waterico.

Mr. Dawson has been so hopeful that he could correct this trouble that we have been very sanguine about results and have kept on trying until we have leading to the factories of the Executive Committee it was decided to send Mr. Burton, Mr. Wels and Mr. McCarty to New Brighton to make whatever disposition of the plant seemed best in their juagment. The New Brighton stockholders and written as that we were not making a stockes, and seemed willing to dispose of the business and seave whatever we could for the stockholders. Other women who are exceedingly fond of the pigeon-blood ruby are Mrs. Cor-nellus Vanderbilt, Mrs. Bradley Martin, who has a beautiful necklace set with them which was once worn by Marie Antolnette; Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Langtry and the Duchess d'Uzes, all of whom have some rarely beautiful stones of this sort. These are probably as fine as any outside of those included in the crown jewels. Next to the Burmah ruby comes the

Stam. This country, which adjoins Burmah, produces the lark-colored rubles which, though beautiful, are not consideed as choice as the Burmah stones and The Ceylon ruby seems almost a different stone from its light color and wonderful brilliancy. It is said that the im-

pertation of gems and pearls to this country for the past twenty years reaches more than \$400,000,000. "When you realize," says a well-known connoisseur of gems, 'that every dollar re-

mains in the country as permanent wealth it gives you an idea of the manner in which the wearing of jewels enriches the which the weating of Jewels entitles the country.

"Emeralds have advanced more during the past few years than any other stone, and you often hear of an emerald being sold at from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a kurat, and not

perfect at that.

"To-day pearls are perhaps more in demand than other stones, and while some of the beds are worked out, others have been so restricted that time has been given for the pearl-bearing mollusks to grow and produce.

"When it is understood that it takes many years for a pearl mollusk to produce a pearl, during which time the oyster stands the chance of being caten by some sea creature, killed by disease or washed out to sea, where it is too deep to dive for it, one can understand why the price of pearls must constantly increase and why it is so difficult to obtain many of large size.

concerning the consecretary for the allocated bribery of a witness:

"It is all a conspiracy for political reasons on the part of Circuit Attorney Folk against me and certain prominent bankers and brokers of St. Louis.

"Immunity was promised to all who would give information that would lead to my being indicted. I am charged with bribing a witness, and I can most certainly say that it is not true, I knew all about the indictment before I left St. Louis and made arrangements in advance for furnishing a bond."

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"In all markets of Europe to-day a round pearl over sixty grains, of fine luster and color, is almost unheard of, and a merchant would travel many miles to buy it. The demand for pearls is constantly growing and there seems no safer investment to-day than a collection, which may, if bought judiciously, in a few years' time be worth double their present value."

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IN BRITISH INDIA

So Many Natives Have Been Killed by the Reptiles That They Are Being Slain in Great Numbers.

WAYS OF CATCHING BRUTE.

Native Plan of Attaching the Creature to a Raft Is Simple and Generally Proves to Be Productive of Results.

London, July 33. - Ajer busia bernang (teach a crocodile to swim) is a favorite Malay retort, but only those who have een the willy saurian whirl off a mud bank into deep water, splashing his tall and leaving a wake like a twenty-knot steamer, can appreciate the sarcasm to its

Yet, strangely enough, very few men will go out of their way to shoot a croco-offe, and as the Malays themselves seldom trouble to get rid of the brutes they flourish exceedingly all along the west coast of the penisula, from Kedah in the north to Johore and Singapore in the

Steaming to the southward through Malacca Straits in any small local craft one hugs the land sufficiently close to discern the characteristics of the immediate

Mangrove awamps and mud flats, slug gish rivers rolling their yellow waters seaward through many channelled deltas.

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patched.

Both in Kedah and in Province Wellesly it is possible to get a shot from shore, and even in Penang Harbor an occasional crocodile has been seen on the muddy beach in front of the club. These stray specimens must have crossed from the mainland at least, a mile away, a fact which conclusively disproves the theory regarding the crocodile's helplessness in sea water.

Moreover, there is one huge brute which has been seen several times, both ashore and afloat, close to the fishing village at Tanjong Tokang, a small promontory not three miles from Penang town. He is regarded as kramst, i. e., holy, or the abode of a spirit, by the Malay and Chinese fishers thereabouts, who aver that he has never yet been known to touch a human being, and they certainly testify to the reality of their belief by boldly working their prawn nets on the muddy shallows 100 yards or more from shore.

On one occasion, I was lucky enough to get a glimpse of him as he scuttled seaward, and the brief serutiny thus afforded did not evoke a desire for closer acquaintance.

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His scales were of a duil, brown hue, differing entirely from the usual color, which is a dark olive green; the body seemed unusually broad, and the tail stumpy and thick. Needless to say, there was no gun handy, or I wouldn't have had the luck to see him.

Crocodi'o shooting is usually pooh-poohed on the ground that it affords but indifferent sport, and to a certain extent this is true. But, nevertheless, it has a charm of its own, and if proper care be exercised the sportsman will usually be able to get a fair chance for a shot during his day's outing, and if the builet does not strike home he has the satisfaction of knowing that one of the cruel brutes has gone to his account, and probably serves as a funeral feast to his fellow reptiles at the same time.

Though it is possible to get a shot from shore, the best plan is to take a cance, or koleh, as the Malays term them, together with a couple of men to badd'e. As to guns, of course, every man has his choice, but it is difficult to beat a .44 Winchester for all-round work. Time your rifle, get as far forward as you can and wait. The Malays are un to their work and paddle the koleh swiftly through the waier with short, noiseless strokes, while you search the low mudbanks ahead as carefully as you can.

"Tuan, than, to the right, to the right," comes a whisner from behind you. The head of the koleh swifts round as little, and there, on the bank of sandy mud, lies an indistinguishable something. It may be a crocodile or it may be a piece of drift-wood; at any rate you are creening nearer and nearer every minute, and you cover it with the rifle.

Suddenly the erstwhile log seems to break about two feet from the end nearest you, and a patch of dull whitey wellow becomes visible. It is the under side of the thotal and instinctively you pick it up with your foresight and fire. Directly you have fred paddle as nuckly as possible; hit or miss he will have made off into the river. Examine the bank carefully, and it w

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Baby Carriages and Go-Carts

WE HAVE just completed stock-taking of this line of goods, and set aside more than a hundred first-class Baby Carriages and Go-Carts, which have either been used as samples or are slightly soiled. For all practical purposes they are perfect, but

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floral and scroll decorations extra large, for turkey, roasts, etc.—were 75c to \$1.90—now 25c to \$1.00.

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The Peerless Suit and Clothes Hanger fits the clothes. You don't have to pull your coat or skirt out of shape to adjust it to the hanger. it to different waist measures.

Single Hangers, 35c.

Full Closet Sets-Six hangers and bar, only \$2.00; for Ladies, Gentlemen, or both.

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\$19.00. Laciede Bicycles-Best ever made -\$16.00 to \$36.50.

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ets of piaited rattan filled with fruit and rice.

Ask your boatman what they mean, and he will reply that they are "anchak," a Dyak word signifying offering. Drop the subject until you have camped for the night and then in all probability discreet questioning will elicit the fact that the spirit of the stream dwells beneath the aforesaid rock, enshrined in the mortal body of some great crocodile. Naturally it follows that to assist in depriving a spirit of its earthly residence is reckoned to be an ill-advised proceeding, and among the natives any accident that may occur when out crocodile shooting is put down to supernatural interyen-

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Dallas, Tex., July 23.—Rumor for several Dallas, Tex., July 2.—Rumor for several days has named L. S. Thorne, vice president and general manager of the Texas and Pacific Railway, headquarters at Dallas, as the successor to Russell Harding of the Missouri Pacific, headquarters at St. Louis, Mr. Thorne says he does not desire or expect to be offered the position. He said to-day:

"Mr. Gould being at present in Europe, I doubt if the appointment of a successor will be considered for the present. I do know that the place has not been offered to me, and I would not consider the position, as it now exists, any promotion for me. My relations here are very pleasant and I am quite well satisfied.

